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Judge Kolar Kottely
Renata Hesse, Antitrust Division Public Comment
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge Kottely,

After years of litigation, the Department of Justice, nine state attorneys general, and Microsoft Corporation – the majority of the parties involved in the case – have agreed upon a settlement. It is now before you to make your judgment.

As history has revealed, there is often a six-month to one-year delay before the real estate market feels the effects of a significant economic change in either direction. An economic downturn had begun prior to the horrific events of September 11th. However, it was accelerated after that day. Those of us in the real estate industry are just beginning to feel the market soften.

In addition to the much appreciated efforts of President Bush and Congress to put forth an economic stimulus package to help generate a spark in the economy, settling this case is another small, but important step in that direction.

I urge you to accept the settlement that the majority of the parties involved in this case have agreed upon.

Sincerely,



Kory Nanke